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Marking Significant Moments

- birthdays, anniversary, important times
- Humboldt – not forgotten

What it Does

- reminds us – not forgotten
- renews in us – lessons, promises, etc
- reorients us – choices, goals & values
- restores in us – gratitude, hope, faith

Easter – Significant Time to Remember

1. Pattern Revealed in Scripture

a) Markers & Monuments

- *“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Deut. 6:6-9*

- *“And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”*

Joshua 6:5-7

- meant to point to God's work, His faithfulness to promises, remember God did for us.

b) Celebrate (Party)

- feasts and celebrations

- money and time, community

- John 12:12 *"The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem."*

c) Sacraments & Participation

- Jesus establishing baptism & communion

- 1 Cor. 11:23-26 *“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*”

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In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

- provided a reminder for your participation, outward symbol of an amazing internal reality

d) Old Covenant – New Covenant

- come to experience & participate
- am in you – take me to them
- light, ambassador, agents of, visible

2. Significance of Easter Season

a) Reality of Situation

- Eph. 2:1 *“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins”*

- Rom. 3:23 *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

- Rom 5:12 *“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned”*

b) Response of God

- Eph. 2:4-10 *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive*

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together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

- see Rom. 5:6-10

c) Resulting Truth

- Rom. 10:9-10 *“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”*

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- 1 Peter 2:24-25 *“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”*

* Easter Season – celebration of the action of God, fulfilling his promise, sending His Son, paying my debt, providing a way

3. Importance of Intentionality

- re-align around a significant truth
- guard against drift and apathy
- renew – gratitude and hope
- witness to others, close and far
- offering of time, intention, praise
- renewed perspective – God is for me not about me. He is able and accomplishing His will. He is returning.

So What

1. Challenge – Prepare for Easter
 - prepare heart – glorious realities
 - prepare home – marking & celebrating
 - prepare witness – able to give a reason
 - prepare worship – offering of praise
2. Spectators vs. Participants
 - communion today
 - community and worship